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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 24 is in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim is already in independent form, however, the claim has been amended to correct some duplication and informality. Claims 1, 9, 13, and 20 are also amended to correct informalities. For example, Claim 13 was amended to change "R³" to "R²" to correct a typographical error. Additional amendments to claim 1 find basis at page 19, lines 6-13. Additional amendments to claims 9, 20, and 24 find basis at page 3, lines 2-4. No new matter has been added.


Claims 9-10, 12, and 15-17 were rejected as anticipated by JP 05-112509. In amended Independent Claim 9, when E is $(CR^5R^6)_m$ and m is one, then n is greater than 1. Such a compound is not taught or suggested by JP 05-112509, which only teaches certain monomeric compounds. Thus, JP 05-112509 cannot anticipate Independent Claim 9 as amended. Dependent Claims 10, 12, and 15-17 depend from and further limit Claim 9, and thus are patentable over the reference as well.

Claims 1-23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as Claims 1-7 and 9 of copending Application No. 11/093,455 ('455 Application). As this is the earlier filed application, Applicants believe that this matter can best be handled by allowing this application to issue and rejecting the '455 Application for double patenting if appropriate. See MPEP §804.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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